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## Editorial.

### THE CLOSING EXERCISES.

The closing exercises at the College Wednesday and Thursday nights, passed off without a break. On Wednesday evening was held the Anniversary of the Pierian Literary Society. The program, though lengthy, was entertaining throughout. Prof. W. H. Yearley, instructor in the College, delivered the Anniversary Address. Subject: "The Tendency of Our Schools." It was an excellent address, thoughtful, throughout. The Prof. dwelt largely on the materialistic tendency of our schools, pointing out in a very forcible way the danger of this tendency. What is generally known as a "practical education," he said, is too often interpreted to mean ability to make and "salt" down dollars and cents. W. A. Welty traced the life of the "rustling leaf," and made a very happy application of the principle to each individual human life. H. M. Oberholtzer delivered an oration on, "Elements of Success." It was decidedly practical, naming as the elements of success, self-reliance, and perseverance. J. C. Crofford read an essay on "The Woman of the Future." He believes that it is woman's divine right to enter the various professions and avocations in life open to men, yet he would have it known that as a "home maker," man can never take her place. W. H. Miller read an essay on "The American System." It was a well prepared paper, giving evidence of decided literary merit, careful thought and research. Miss Clara Worst's Oration, "Golden Treasures in Shattered Caskets," was both sublime and beautiful; sublime in thought, and beautiful in language. The soul, the eternal spirit of man, is the "golden treasure" having its abode in this body of ours—"shattered casket" at death. "The Power of the Minority Over the Majority," was the subject of an oration delivered by A. B. Gnagey. Going back to the beginning of the race, Mr. Gnagey showed that from the morning of human history to the

evening of the nineteenth century, the ideas and opinions and thoughts of the minority have been the *ruling* ideas and thoughts in the civilization of the world. It is but just to say that it was a fine oration, the thought presented clothed in well chosen words and happily finished sentences.

The program was interspersed with music, both vocal and instrumental, rendered by Prof. J. C. Beal, and Misses Berkley and Gnagey, all of which added to the attractions of the evening's entertainment. The climax was reached on Thursday night when Rev. J. C. Mackey delivered his address on "The Times in Which we Live and Their Peculiar Need in the Gifts and Qualifications of the Present Generation." The address is published in this issue of the paper. It is a scholarly address, showing a wide range of thought and acquaintance with the literary men of the past. On the whole the closing exercises of the school were a success.

### IT REQUIRES WORK.

Few people realize the amount of work required in the preparation of our Sunday-school literature. The *Brethren Quarterly* contains forty pages of matter, set in small type. To fill these pages and the pages of the *Youths' Quarterly*, requires about 400 pages of closely written manuscript, each quarter of thirteen weeks. Add to this fifty pages for *Our Little Folks* during the quarter, and we have 450 pages of manuscript matter prepared in thirteen week's time, which means almost *thirty-five* pages each week. And this material must be carefully gathered. The exposition of the scripture text must be accurate and the application of the truths taught correctly made. Only those who have had the experience know anything about the enormity of this work. But this is not all. The proof reading is at least a small part of the work. Last quarter our time was so taken up that proof was not carefully read and as a result numerous errors appeared in the quarterly. The one just published you will find comparatively free from typographical errors. You will find *some* errors, but not many. Would you know what it means to read that amount of proof? Well, when you have read this article, take your quarterly, begin at the first page and read it through—*every word* of it—titles, dates, headings, in fact, look

at *every letter* in it. With Bible in hand, look up every scripture reference and verify the correctness of the same. This done, turn back and patiently do the same thing over again. Treat the *Youths' Quarterly* similarly and you will have some idea of what a very small fractional part of the work means.

Then comes the work of making up the forms, getting press ready, running off the papers, printing covers, folding, putting on covers, stitching, trimming and mailing. The process is long and tedious and one that involves much labor. Some of our readers may think that we are having an easy time of it. Let such remember that the management of the EVANGELIST is not even half the work it has fallen our lot to do.

### HOW TO LIVE LONG.

There are few people who do not desire to live long. There are none who do not desire good health. A greater boon cannot be bestowed on any one than the enjoyment of good health. There may be a few cases where long life is not desirable, but he who enjoys good health cannot but wish to live long. Many books have been written on "How to take care of your health." So far as our acquaintance goes no better book on the subject has been written than the Bible.

We believe it to be strictly true that adherence to the teachings of the Bible will have a tendency to good health and long life. Was not this the promise to the children of Israel? It was expressly told them that if they obeyed the Lord their God and followed his holy precepts they should prosper and attain to a good old age. "That thy days may be long on the earth," was the promise to those who faithfully served the Lord their God. From this standpoint the Bible appeals with great force to young people. In one of his lectures in Dayton, Ohio, last winter, Mr. H. L. Hastings of Boston, Mass., said:

"Those who believe in the old Bible are often styled 'old fogies.' Now, I accept the charge with the following explanation: 'Righteousness tendeth to life.' It is the 'hoary head' which 'is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.' The haunts of revelry, profanity, and vice are thronged by the young. There are very few 'old fogies' there; very few who are there ever will be old. Look over an old and long-established church, and see how